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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John E. EBY et al.

Application No.: 09/749,033

Filed: December 28, 2000

For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING  
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND  
METHODS TO MAKE SURFACE  
COVERINGS HAVING A NATURAL  
APPEARANCE

Group Art Unit: 1774

Examiner: B. Shewareged

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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute amended claim 21 as follows for pending claim 21:

21. (Amended) A floor covering comprising:  
a chemically embossed portion; and  
a mechanically embossed portion,  
wherein said chemically embossed portion has at least one chemical emboss  
depth that is greater than the mechanical emboss depth of any portion of said  
mechanically embossed portion.

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Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment. The items checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	18	-	20	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0
Indep.	4	-	3	1	x \$ 80	80.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$270	0
Subtotal						\$ 80.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0
TOTAL						\$ 80.00

☒ A check for \$80.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: July 26, 2001

By: Louis M. Troilo  
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